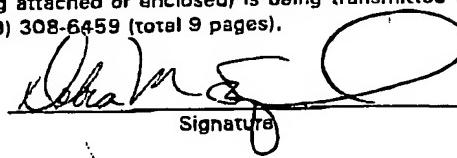


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RESPONSE TO DECISION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Decision on Papers under 37 CFR 1.42 mailed April 2, 2002, a copy of which is attached herewith.

Enclosed is a new Declaration executed by the sole heiress of the first inventor, Stig Willner, in which the citizenship, residence and postage address for both Ms. Willner and inventor Willner are indicated.

As the second inventor, Jan F.A. Smits has previously executed the Declaration submitted on January 8, 2002, it is believed that his further signature is not required on the document submitted herewith.

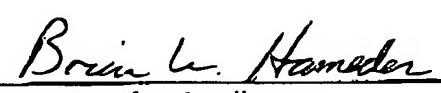
It is therefore believed that all formal requirements of the Office have now been met.

Respectfully submitted,

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